



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to execute an agreement with Measurement Control Systems, to provide gas regulators and meters manufactured by Elster American Meters (Elster American) in the amount of \$150,000. The term of the agreement will be for one year with the option for two additional one-year extension periods, which will be executed at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Measurement Control Systems for the purchase of gas regulators and meters manufactured by Elster American. In order to uphold current standards maintained by the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO), the Department has standardized its District regulators and Residential Meters. LBGO currently has parts, working knowledge of and ability to train personnel on the Elster American regulators for the purpose of the Department of Transportation (DOT) required annual service and maintenance. Switching to an alternate regulator would cost the City a sizable amount for the training and parts required to maintain the equipment.

In order for LBGO to maintain its committed service to its customer base, LBGO must purchase 6,000 residential meters over the next three years to replenish used stock of like meters. Due to LBGO's working knowledge of installation, repair and maintenance of Elster American regulators and meters, and the Department's desire to prevent unnecessary costs for training and parts, LBGO is requesting the purchase of Elster American regulators and meters from Measurement Control Systems without advertising for bids. Measurement Control Systems currently acts as the sole representative, to municipalities, for Elster American in Southern California.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on January 3, 2007 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on January 10, 2007.

City Council approval is requested on January 23, 2007 to authorize the purchase of necessary Elster American regulators and meters. The term of the agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.

The cost of this agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000, is included in the Gas Fund (EF 301) and in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (EN). LBGO customer charges compensate for the cost of regulators and meters used to provide connectivity to the City's gas supply system.

Approve recommendation.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MEASUREMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING ELSTER AMERICAN GAS REGULATORS AND METERS**

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APPROVED:

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